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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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/ REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

In reply to the March 25, 2003 Office Action, the period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

I. ENTRY OF NOVEMBER 14, 2001 PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Request for Reconsideration filed on January 3, 2003, Applicants pointed out that the July 8, 2002 Office Action did not take into account the Preliminary Amendment filed on November 14, 2001. Applicants further provided a copy of the November 14, 2001 Preliminary Amendment along with the PTO date stamped receipt. A second copy is submitted herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

However, the Examiner has apparently not corrected this application by entering the

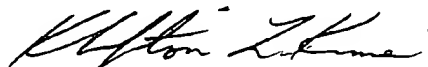
November 14, 2001 Preliminary Amendment, and thus has not properly considered the application as amended. On the contrary, the Office Action only indicates that the applicant request, claims 6, 8, 12-14, 23, 25, 29-31, 42, 44, 48-50, 57, 59, and 63-65 have

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Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

Petition for Extension of Time
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